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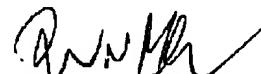
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Rabinovich *et al.* Docket No: EH-10417  
Serial No: 09/683,185 Examiner: D. Yee  
Filed: 29 November 2001 Art Unit: 1742  
Title: Method and Apparatus for Heat Treating Date: April 20, 2005  
Material

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Sir:

Request for Status Indication

The application had been on appeal and applicants requested/request to withdraw the case from appeal for continued examination. The RCE filed February 18, 2005 erroneously omitted a response. The RCE, however, included a request for suspension which was granted. An amendment was filed April 7, 2005. According to the PAIR system, the application has been to the examining group. Applicants request a confirmation of pending status and that the requested continued examination is underway.

If required, please charge any further extension of time fee or other fee to Deposit Account 02-0184. In particular, if it is determined that the RCE was only completed by the April 7 amendment (or hereby complete) and that an extension was/is required, please so charge the extension fee or other required fee.

Respectfully submitted,



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